

1. Greeting from the director of library

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SIT was started as an engineering college in 1927 under the mission of “nurturing practical engineers who learn from and contribute to society” and was selected as the only super global university among private university of science and technology in September, 2014. SIT is on a solid path for our mission’s implementation.

Needless to say, the farthest-reaching mission of SIT is to cultivate world-class engineers and distinguished researchers.

Our library has changed and developed with the times and SIT’s progress. The annual average number of lent books in the three campus libraries at Toyosu, Omiya and Shibaura is over the national average and shows our library is popular and utilized by users. However, we have to improve even more in order to take our place as a world-class Center of Excellence, ahead of the 100th anniversary of the foundation. Our library staff members push forward the mission. Therefore, we have created three major pillars for FY2019’s progress.

1. Improvement of research environment for enhancement of international competitiveness

Although the E-journal’s price is increasing year-by-year, it is necessary to maintain a satisfactory research environment. In order to continue to purchase the materials, we have to increase utilization rate to suit the cost. Therefore, we expand the guidance specially to introduce how to use the E-journal.

2. Strengthening of library functions as a support organization for study and educational research

In order to understand users’ purpose and requests, we will release a new questionnaire to graduates and re-evaluate the contents of the annual library satisfaction survey, with the goal of increasing response rates.

Also, we will enhance public relations activity to widely introduce various activities in our library, like exhibitions.

3. Promotion of library utilization for job-hunting activities

We will enrich demanded job-hunting materials through analysis of rental situation of job-hunting materials. Also, encourage efficient E-material use that our library can control through collaboration with the career support section.

We have issued a quarterly library newsletter “OH! MY LIB CAFÉ” and have worked to transmit information such as various events and exhibitions, after receiving feedback like “we don’t know what the library is doing”. In order to continue further public relations activities, we decided to release the library annual report to our HP. Through this, we strengthen “work visualization” and can present library reforms.

There is much room to improve but we would like to promote restructuring of our library with your cooperation and encouragement. In an effort to improve the library’s healthier management, we are asking for your understanding and cooperation.